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The Tribune is a Leper

Editor Truth.—Some time ago I heard a minister preach from the following text, "Now Naaman, captain of the host, was a great man, with his master, and honorable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria; he was a mighty man in valour; but he was a leper"—2 Kings 5: 1. In reading this text up to the last six words every young man would like to be a Naaman, for Naaman was captain of a host, he was a great man with his master, he was an honorable man; for the Lord was with him, and he was a mighty man in valour. Who would not want to be like Naaman. But he was a leper. With this last clause no one would want to be a Naaman. The Salt Lake Tribune will picture Utah as beautiful and grand as the text does Naaman, but before it gets through will close its statement with glaring head lines that Utah has the Mormon leprosy. Or it will stab Utah to the heart as Brutus did Caesar and while the blood is still flowing it will exclaim, not that I love Utah less, but Tom Kearns more. It will gratify Tom Kearns' anger and treachery at the expense of every business man in Utah. It will cast reproach upon our young men and maidens, our schools, our houses and our institutions so that Tom Kearns can gloat over the havoc that his Tribune and its satellites have wrought. And now the old gray wolf with its claws, its sharp teeth, its froth, venom, foul odor, and hypocrisy will cover itself all over with a special New Year's edition with the veritable vestments of a sheep and proclaim how it wants to boost Utah how it loves Utah, and the dear Mormons. There was probably never issued from any printing press a more hypocritical, demagogic, iniquitous, insolent sheet than the Salt Lake Tribune.

The Tribune advertised its special New Year's edition with the following: "It will be just the proper thing to read to prospective investors and homeseekers," then it will wring in its Utah leprosy clause by stating in another edition, "that the great majority of the people of Utah are Mor-

mons," "That there are more young men and young women in polygamy in the Mormon church today than ever before in the history of that organization." "In 300 school houses in Utah the Mormon religion was taught by public school teachers." "At the last April (1905) conference the church officially restored polygamy as a practice of the community." "The masses (of the Mormons) are impoverished and in their old age the members of the church are compelled to go to the poor house, where they are sustained from the public taxes, paid largely by Gentile." "If you lived in a (Utah) community where the law breakers ruled, would you not fight to establish American conditions?" "Free speech is denied to Mormons. They are excommunicated, ostracized, and boycotted, if they dare to criticize the crimes of their leaders." "The Mormon church claims to be the kingdom of God on earth, and the only lawful government. It teaches that all other governments are fraudulent and must be broken to pieces. It claims that its mission is to rule the whole world, beginning with the United States. Its teaching is treason, and its leaders are traitors."

All of the above false and leprous quotations were embodied in an editorial in the Tribune of July 1st, 1905, and a copy of it was given to each and every member of the National Editorial association who were visiting Salt Lake City on that day, for the express purpose of having them publish it in their home papers to advertise to the world that Utah was the most polluted and leprous spot on the globe. The Tribune advertises that its New Year's special number "will tell the story of Utah's great resources and possibilities."

For the past few years the Tribune's story of Utah's great possibilities and resources has been as follows: "Gentiles are not wanted in Utah." "Mormons will not sell land to Gentiles." "Mormons boycott and starve out Gentiles." "The resources of Utah are controlled by Mormons and no Gentile need apply." "The Mormon church is killing the mining and smelting in-

dustries, the greatest industries in Utah." "The Mormon leprosy stultifies and destroys all industries in Utah, that it does not control." The Tribune also states that it would "illustrate what others are doing and what others can do." Here is the way that the Tribune has illustrated Utah: It pictured a hierarch as an absolute monarch in Utah; "that this hierarch compelled all school teachers to pay him tithings and do his bidding; that he owned and controlled the school directors and all public officers in Utah;" "that our schools were dominated by him and that the teachers in our schools are controlled by lecherous polygamists." "That Utah is a community of polygamists and criminals." "That the Mormons hid the voting machines in their churches." "That no Gentile was taught how to vote." "That Utah elections were carried by fraud and the right of franchise denied the Gentiles." The awful leprosy.

Who would want to live in Utah or invest in any of her industries if they believed one half of the Tribune's falsehoods? The Tribune is the leper. The Tribune states that the Mormon hierarch "holds nearly every Gentile merchant and nearly every Gentile professional man at his vengeance by his influence in order to be successful," etc. The Tribune is the leper. Just after the November elections, 1905, when Ezra Thompson was elected mayor of Salt Lake to boost Tom Kearns and to show that Kearns was the "it" of Utah, the Tribune bureau of publicity sent the following to the New York World, The New York Herald, The Utica, N. Y., Globe, and hundreds of other eastern papers: "The man of the hour in Utah is ex-Senator Thomas Kearns, who organized the "American" party, and to whom the credit of victory is due. Mr. Kearns a popular citizen during his years of residence in the state has become a hero. If a Biblical simile may be applied to so mundane a thing as a political fight, Utah Gentiles regard the former senator as a Moses who has delivered the people from bondage." Yea, verily. Thomas Kearns was an ex-senator, the man of the hour, the organizer of the "American" party, a popular citizen, a hero, a Moses, but he was a leper. Truly Tom Kearns, the owner of the Tribune is a great

hero. Away, far away in the north-land where the hurricane howls music over the icebergs, where the waters of the Behring strait and the Yukon river like clinging tender vines entwined themselves around the Alaskan peninsula, where the seal, the walrus, and the polar bear touch their lips in frosty embrace. It was there in the and of the midnight sun, hallowed by the bright and luminous aurora-borealis that Thomas Kearns, "A popular citizen," the owner of the Tribune, the Columbus of America, the father of the "American" party, discovered "the beautiful island of Alaska." Sitting in a great gallery among scientists and anthropologists, poring over antiquated and primeval books of Apocryphal and legendary origin, burning the midnight oil, surrounded by ghosts, guemes, and glowworms, when all other great, majestic and mighty men had failed; it was Thomas Kearns, the owner of the Tribune, and the Moses of the "American" party, who by his untiring efforts made the wonderful discovery, that the Filippi-no was a quadripedated vertebrae of the small horse species.

What was this breeze that came to our nostrils like the odor of moon-ried codfish; some thought it was leacying cartoons in the Tribune office, others thought it was Frank Canon's editorials being worked over, and still others thought it was the Presbyterians or the Ministerial association roasting the non-elect Mormons. But "the hero of the hour," "The Biblical simile," the great Thomas Kearns, the owner of the Tribune and the father of the "American" party was at hand, who stated that the aroma came from a semi-digested plate of baked beans from the far-off state of Boston.

When the Tribune comes out with a big special edition pretending to boost Utah, it exhibits more cheek than a big bear in the Yellowstone park. It is more hypocritical than Judas when he kissed the Savior. More treacherous than Benedict Aonrid when he sold his country, and more merciless than Shylock when he demanded the pound of flesh nearest the heart. The Tribune not only injures its enemies but its friends and every bright-eyed and laughing, innocent child in Utah and every silver haired patriarch, every mother, every teacher and instruc-

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